

**Amendment and Response**

Applicant: Mark A. Smith et al.

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**REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2005, in which claims 22-24 were rejected, and claims 1-8 and 10-20 were allowed. With this Response, claims 22-24 are canceled from the application. Allowed claims 1-8, and 10-20 remain pending in the application.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Otis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,572,214) in view of Heim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,789,883).

With this Response, claims 22-24 are canceled from the application for the purpose of speeding the issuance of the allowed claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application, at which time the rejection of claims 22-24 will be addressed.

**Claim Objections**

Claim 23 was objected to because it includes a reference character (34, line 2) which is not enclosed within parentheses.

As noted above, with this Response, claim 23 has been canceled from the application.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has indicated claims 1-8 and 10-20 are allowed. The Examiner states the combination or method as claimed wherein solidifying the sealing material at least partially in a groove in the sealing structure or between the sealing surface and the sealing structure (claims 1, 7, 10, 16) is not disclosed, suggested, or made obvious by the prior art of record. Applicant agrees that claims 1-8 and 10-20 are allowable for at least this reason. However, the claims are allowable for other reasons as well. Applicant submits that the present claims are allowable for at least the reason that the references of record in the application do not teach or suggest all the limitations of the claims as recited in the claims themselves.

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**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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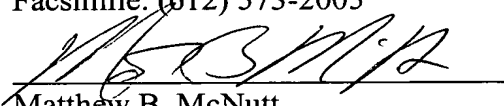
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